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In re Application of

Werner RAHMFELD et al.

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Method and Device for Producing Thin Slabs

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The items checked below are appropriate:

- 1. The time for response to the Office Action of October 22, 2001 expires on [x]January 22, 2002.
- A \_\_month extension of time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_ was filed 2. on . [No additional extensions of time are required.]
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